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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 2021**

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO PERMIT EMERGENCY WORKERS  
AND EQUIPMENT TO CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER WITH MEXICO TO ADDRESS  
EMERGENCIES THAT THREATEN BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER.

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1 To the President and Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, Arizona and Mexico share a border that stretches for more than  
4 three hundred fifty miles; and

5 Whereas, the threats from environmental spills, leaks, explosions and  
6 similar disasters involving toxic substances in border communities are not  
7 constrained by political boundaries and can threaten people and communities  
8 on both sides; and

9 Whereas, the threats from fires, floods and similar natural disasters  
10 are not constrained by political boundaries and can threaten people and  
11 communities on both sides; and

12 Whereas, as a result of a joint legislative protocol session with the  
13 members of the Arizona Legislature, on December 1, 2005, the Legislature of  
14 Sonora, Mexico adopted a resolution calling on the federal government in  
15 Mexico to permit emergency workers and vehicles to cross the international  
16 border to fight such environmental and natural disasters as long as they  
17 return to their country of origin when the emergency subsides.

18 Whereas, authorizing emergency workers and equipment to cross the  
19 international border requires action by the President and Congress of the  
20 United States of America.

21 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of

22 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

23 1. That the President and Congress of the United States of America  
24 recognize the importance of authorizing emergency workers and equipment from  
25 the United States of America and Mexico to cross their respective  
26 international borders whenever an environmental or natural disaster threatens  
27 communities on both sides.

28 2. That the President and Congress of the United States of America  
29 take the action necessary to authorize emergency workers and equipment from  
30 the United States of America and Mexico to cross their respective  
31 international borders whenever an environmental or natural disaster threatens  
32 communities on both sides as long as they return to their country of origin  
33 when the emergency subsides.

34 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
35 of this Memorial to the President of the United States of America, the  
36 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House  
37 of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

**PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 9, 2006.**

**PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 24, 2006.**

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 25, 2006.**